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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Emad S. Alnemri et al.  
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For : CASPASE-14, AN APOPTOTIC PROTEASE, NUCLEIC ACIDS  
ENCODING AND METHODS OF USE

Examiner : Gary B. Nickol  
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Attention: Office of Petitions  
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Commissioner for Patents  
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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents:

In response to the Office Action dated March 3, 2003, please extend the period of time for response three months, to expire on September 3, 2003. Enclosed are a Petition for an Extension of Time and the requisite fee and also consider the attached petition for revival based upon unintentional abandonment.. Please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.

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